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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN INDRA FOR THE FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LED BY EDGAR FAURE, FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK ASKED WHAT NEWS THERE WAS FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT SIGNING THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT, WONDERING IF THREE MONTHS HENCE MIGHT BE A REASONABLE GUESS AS TO A DATE FOR SIGNING. CHARG'E REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO NEWS, BUT THREE MONTHS HENCE WOULD BE OCTOBER, WHICH HE HOPED MIGHT BE A REASONABLE TIME TO AIM AT. CHNOUPEK SAID HE WOULD BE AT THE UNGA IN SEPTEMBER, BUT WENT ON TO TALK ABOUT THE SIGNING CEREMONY SO AS TO INDICATE HIS INTEREST IN A SEPARATE AND LATER VISIT FOR THAT PURPOSE. SPEAKING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT IN REMOVING VESTIGES OF WORLD WAR II, HE MENTIONED CZECHOSLOVAK PROGRESS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTING THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO GERMANY SOON TO EXCHANGE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE CZECH-FRG ACCORD, AND HAD JUST AGREED
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TO A MEETING WITH THE NEW AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

BIELKA. (THE RECEPTION ITSELF OF COURSE HONORED THE HIGHEST
LEVEL FRENCH DELEGATION TO COME HERE SINCE 1968.)

COMMENT: CORDIAL BUT CIRCUMSPECT, CHNOUPEK SEEMED TO BE EMPHA-
SIZING AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE THE CZECHS ATTACH TO THE SIGNING
OF THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT, IN THE CONTEXT OF BETTER RELATIONS
WITH THE WEST IN GENERAL.
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